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CLASS OF 1937

A. D. HIGGINS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Class Song

H — I — G — G — I — N — S That's the school we love the best! To you we pledge our loyalty, With hearts that are full of sincerity.

Red carnation our flower will be, And in visions we shall see Dear old Higgins Junior High Which has given us hope that reaches the sky.

Our class colors gold and blue, Remind us of our debt to you; Our mem'ries of you will never fade, As we pass on from grade to grade.

Our class motto is "Try Again" Which will help us to ascend To our goal so very high, So to you we bid a fond good-bye.

Geno Santandrea, Alfonse Misuraca.

Class Poem

Through the years we've had our share, Of all the fun, here and there; But now we've ended Junior High, And it is time for a fond good-bye To Mr. Davis and our teachers, too, Who were so loyal, faithful, and true.

We again travel the path of life. Through thick and thin, and in every strife,

If we'll stick to our motto, "Try Again," I'm sure we'll not lose, but always win. With this in mind, we'll reach our goal, If we work with all our heart and soul.

Each morn when we awake, the sparkling

Reminds us of our colors, gold and blue, And our class flower, the red carnation, Is the loveliest flower in all creation. Now comes the sadness, we all do sigh, For now we must say our last good-bye.

Dorothy Damon, 8A.

Class History

"The flame of life Leaps now in us, and we will make our own

Songs of living fire from it, with hands That burn in writing them."

Sept. 7—Today the pupils of the eighth grade picked out their seats in their new home rooms and prepared for another year of hard work.

Sept. 17—In assembly today, represen-

Sept. 17—In assembly today, representatives came and explained about the coming magazine drive. Fred Haight was chosen captain of the red pirates and Billy Comstock was chosen captain of the black pirates. Miss Woods and Miss Twomey were chosen as the faculty advisers. The Reds won with David Beckman being high salesman. Fred Haight was second high salesman. The victors were entertained in February by the losers. Billy Comstock had to sing a solo.

Sept. 30—A day off to go to the four-town-fair at Somers, Connecticut. Our school participated in the track meet; Broadbrook school won. It can truthfully be said that everyone who went had a good time.

Oct. 6—We elected class officers today. Next Tuesday we plan to organize the Student Council, at which they will take the oath of office and elect Student Council officers.

Oct. 13—The results of the election were as follows: Cyril Gordon, President; Alexander Cybulski, Vice-President; and Pauline Lamont, Secretary.

Oct. 28—You could tell that report cards had been given out by the looks on some of the pupils faces. In the eighth grade Dorothy Gourlie ranked first and Dorothy Damon ranked second. There were sixteen pupils on the honor roll in the eighth grade.

Nov. 1—Practice for the operetta started today. Everyone is working hard to make it a success. The operetta is under the direction of Miss Browne, Miss Jandreau and Miss Stewart.

Nov. 25—Thanksgiving vacation started today, Nov. 25. No one did much work in school because they were too busy

dreaming about turkey.

Nov. 30-We came back to school after our vacation. Everyone enjoyed the rest and we're sure most of them had their

share of turkey.

Dec. 11—Our operetta, "The Galloping Ghost," was presented today. There was a matinee for children at 3.15, and at 8.15 in the evening it was presented for the adults. It was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

Feb. 4—The week of February fourth we had midyear examinations. Everyone looked worried and many books were brought home every night for a week by

each pupil.

Feb. 12—School was closed today in

honor of the birthday of one of our great presidents, Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 14—Valentine's Day! Valentines were passed out in each home room. Everybody received their share of Valentines and so did the teachers.

Feb. 16-Today the cast for the minstrel started rehearsal. An hour each morning is being set aside entirely for it. Everyone is going to work hard in order to put the show over.

Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday, another legal holiday.

Feb. 27—The start of a week's vacation. Boy! Will we have fun! Sliding, skating, and snowballing, we are sure

will be enjoyed by all.

March 6—Back from vacation and ready for another term of hard work.

March 26-A day off for Good Friday. The pupils will be on their best behavior because they want their share of eggs from the Easter Bunny.

April 5—Yesterday we received word of the death of our beloved pastor of the St. Patrick's parish, Father O'Connor. We were allowed his morning off to attend the funeral mass for the children of the parish.

April 6—We presented the "Higgins Cotton Club Minstrel" for the pupils of the Higgins School at 3.15 P. M. Many pupils attended and said it was well

worth a dime.

April 7—Our big performance was given this evening. A matinee was given this afternoon for the public school children. The minstrel was a big success and we made over one hundred dollars clear profit.

April 26-We didn't have any school today because the teachers went visiting

other schools in the state.

May 7—Today we left school for a week's vacation. It was a nice week and all the children had a good vacation with plenty of fun.

May 14—Practice for the fashion show has started under the direction of Miss

Elizabeth Ryan.

May 19—In assembly today Mr. Davis announced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the graduating class. He also announced that there would be no essays for graduation, but that there would be a pageant based on the life of Horace Mann, the founder of education in Massachusetts. Mr. Davis read the list of honor students in the order of their rank. They were: Jerry Lepore, Annie Wietecha, Dorothy Damon, Dorothy Gourlie, Elaine Carmel, Barbara Magill, Eleanor Bak, Raymond Halstead, Jane Novak, Jennie Bonk, Warren Bomely, Cyril Gordon, Anna Sacheli, Anne Eagleson, Wanda Ludwin, Nancy Knox, Anna Kamoras, Geno Santandrea, Stella Swist, Norma Allen, Sophie Agripidas,

and Sophie Typrowicz.

June 2—The fashion show was presented today. Many pupils participated in the event, which was given for the Higgins School children this morning and for the mothers of the pupils in the afternoon. The name of the show was, "There Was An Old Lady Who Lived In A Shoe." There were four scenes in the show. Doris Hilditch and Shirley Harrison were the pages. Elaine Carmel and Sophie Marcowski also had speaking parts. In the first scene the girls of the eighth grade came out in their cooking uniforms carrying different things such as cook books, bowls, and cooking utensils. In the second scene the girls appeared wearing simple dresses skillfully made by them. The third scene showed a campfire with girls in colorful shorts, slacks, and culottes, seated around it. Some were playing instruments and others were singing. The fourth scene showed the old lady talking to a neighbor in the garden. Tea was served to the

mothers after the performance.

June 7—Today Class Day assembly was held. This year the play was a humorous one. Many pupils of the graduating class took part and also pupils of the seventh grade. After the entertainment, citizenship and athletic letters were given out to the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. Farewell songs were sung and the class will, prophesy,

and history were read.

June 22—Graduation Night. The Valedictorian, Jerry Lepore, introduced the pageant, which was based on the life of Horace Mann. Geno Santandrea represented Horace Mann. Many other pupils took part in the pageant. After the pageant the farewell address was given

Class Prophecy

We are news reporters for the New York Times and recently won a slogan contest sponsored by the *Carmel* Soap Co. The prize was an all expense paid trip, any place in the United States, but the cost was not to exceed \$2,000. We are good news reporters and even on vacation are on the "job," so we decided to combine business with pleasure and this is the result:

THE DIARY OF THREE SMART GIRLS

June 1, 1952—We plan to visit, if possible, every city and town in which some member of our Higgins School Class has located or at least to find out from someone what they are doing. We start to-morrow in our streamlined car, designed by Fred Haight which we bought at the Gordon Sales Co.

June 2, 1952—Up bright and early and on the road at 8.30, no danger of motor trouble, as our chauffeur, Warren Devlin, took the car to the Sarno Service Station yesterday where Joseph Kozaczka and Edward Ziemiam, expert mechanics, gave it a thorough overhauling. So far, just

June 3, 1952—We stopped at the Eagleson's Tea Room for lunch and to our surprise the hostess was Nellie Ciesones. She told us she had been working for Anne Eagleson for three years and that Annie Wietecha, Genevieve Pietrusza, and Frances Castoldi were also there, but were off duty at the time. Had quite a chat and got lots of news. Marcello Trigona and Edward Morris

by the Salutatorian. Next the diplomas were passed out and the Class Song was sung. Prizes were presented to various students. The Glee Club and the poetry choir took a large part in the graduation

June 23—Class Picnic at last. Just what we've been waiting for. Before we left we bid adieu to all the seventh graders, also to our teachers who had taught and encouraged us through our two years of junior high. We went around to the different teachers getting their autographs. We all had a most enjoyable day at mountain park, and thus happily ends our class history.

"Here we lived The full and happy life, nothing declared Too hard but we did give it our endeavor Climbed to the highest hill, snared a string

Over the wind for a great kite and flew

Raymond Halsted, Norma Allen, Historians. have gone into the movie production business in Hollywood and Sophie Markowski and George Danforth have the leading roles in their next production "Love Is

We learned that Barbara McCullough is secretary for Marion Charette, who is an outstanding actress. We were quite surprised to learn that Teresa Roscoe is a famous Hollywood designer and Sophie Typrowicz, a news reporter. Curtis Most has made quite a name for himself as a photographer and has as his assistants, Joseph Fede and Edward Lynch. Sound men with the same company are John Skomro, Edward Mokrycki and Sam Lauria.

After lunch we went on a sightseeing tour and arrived back about 10 P. M. Decided to stay at the Persky-Snyder Hotel. That name sounded familiar and it was, for the owners were David and Haskell. Another surprise, for at the desk sat Nicholas Scavatto and in the office busily typing sat Lydia Polec and Virginia Boland. A trim bellhop came to show us to our rooms and we recognized him as Leo Gebo. He told us that Edith Cote, now a novelist and Fannie Karona, a dress shop owner were stopping there on their way to the Air Circus at Lakehurst. Funny - that's where

we're headed for.
June 4, 1952—We awoke in the morning thrilled with the aspect of the Air Circus and also our plane trip to Lakehurst. In the dining room we were greeted by Betty Wishart and her head waitress, Miss Jean LaGrange. We had a delightful meal served by Florence Maniscalchi and Vincy Misuraca. We hurried over to the airport in Edward Young's taxi. He told us that the Circus was in charge of Felix Duda and Ber-

nard Annis.

The first act was Navy Planes flying in group formation and performing difficult stunts. We recognized some of the stunt flyers as Fred Lizak, Angelo Torre, Matthew Pabis, Joseph Kozaczka, and Andrew Siana.

The fourth act, which was to be the most daring stunt ever attempted by man, featured Warren Bomley. Before he performed his stunt, Roger Jones,

Many of the smart outfits looked like those designed at the *Gourlie* and *Miltner* Dress Shop on Fifth Avenue, New York.

The announcer, Raymond Halstead, named the horses, their numbers and

jockeys.

THEY'RE OFF! Number 6 had the lead ridden by Alexander Cybulski. Number 4 ridden by Harold Reed crept up. It was an exciting race, the announcer got so excited that he got all mixed up. Challenge, ridden by Allen Lawton, and owned by Miss Mary Parvelac came in first. We lost our ten dollar bet by a nose. By the time we left we were very discouraged. We went back to the hotel and checked out. We chartered a plane for Washington, D. C. When we arrived we went to a hotel for

the night.

June 13, 1952, Morning—We checked out of our hotel, got our car, and started for Virginia to accept an invitation on a yachting party up the Potomac. We got there and met the captain, Carmello Brutto. We went on board and found the party already started. There was a small crew and four hostesses. Part of the crew were some old friends of ours: Teddy Pliska, Joseph Sredzinski, Edward Nabonzy, Vito Tollarita, and Benny Swentnickas. The hostesses, too, were old friends, Rose Bruno, Elzanor Karcz, Anna Arabek and Marion Leete. We met many former acquaintances and did we talk! We learned a lot of news about our fellow graduates. From Betty Snow, a lady of leisure, we heard that Yolanda DeMayo was now an actress in the film colony.

The entertainment began about 11.30. The first number was a duet sung by those two popular songsters, Elena DeCaro and Iris Yaenicke. Edna Craig played a few selections on the piano, and Bertha Ludwin accompanied her with the mandolin. After the entertainment was over, we went to bed in a cozy cabin

on board the ship.

June 14, 1952, Morning—We left the yachting party and started for Hartford by car. We did not make any stops except to eat, and spend the night.

We still had seventeen names to check on. We were told that we would find them around Hartford and Thompsonville. When we arrived at Hartford, the greatest insurance center in the United States; we found many of our classmates working as secretaries in the insurance companies. In Travelers we found, Emilya Duda, Rose Reveruzzi, Josephine Delore, Mary Rinaldi and Frances Pohorylo. In the Aetna office were Gladys Leonowicz, Eva Leether, Jane Zych and Irene McNulty.

June 15, 1952—We left Hartford for Thompsonville. On the way, we had a bright idea that maybe *Thomas Casa*rella, editor of the Thompsonville Press, would buy our diary. We knew that if we could see *Jerry Lepore*, his star reporter first, and convince him that the diary was bound to be a best seller, we'd have no trouble with Thomas. Jerry's secretary, Rose Gallo, said he was out of town, so wait until tomorrow was all we could do. We rode around town to see whom we could recognize. We met Angelina Caronna, Gladys Depka and Jennie Krupzak, who were all working in the Bigelow Sanford Office. They told us that Frances Legienza had started a dress shop and had Frances Zaccaro working for her and that Margaret King had opened an interior decorating shop and employed Margaret Renals and Josephine Roblinski and that Mary Alaimo and Barbara Geurrandeno were telephone operators. After we left the girls we stopped into Russotto's Ice Cream Bar where Bernice LeGeyt and Josephine DeMaso gave us the best of service. When we came out of the shop we noticed that the store next door was Maniscalchi's Grocery store and parked in front of the store was Battone's milk truck driven by Nicholas Padrevita.

June 16, 1952—Now to see Thomas—we have seen Jerry already. We hone Thomas is in the best buying spirit. His secretary, Mary Porcello showed us in. We saw him! He bought our diary and we start for New York tomorrow—Much richer in experience than we were and also we're glad to say, richer in money.

Signed,

"THE THREE SMART GIRLS."

Wanda Ludwin,
Nancy Knox,
Anna Sacheli.



Graduates of 1937



Sophie Agrapides

Henor Student, Librarian
The stories she writes thrill you through
and through,
And she draws illustrations for them,
too.

Mary Rose Alaimo, "June"

Camera Club
Talk, talk, talk, we'd break down and
weep

weep
If we thought Mary talked even in her sleep.

Norma Allen, "Al"

Honor Student, Baseball, Basketball, Glee Club. Art-Craft Club, Class History
Who's that girl that's up at bat?
Norma Allen! Didn't you know that?

Bernard Louis Annis, "Benzine"

Bernard with his blond curls, Pretends he doesn't like the girls.

Anna Arabek

Student Council
Anna likes to chat a bit,
She can see no harm in it.

Tony Attardi

Tony sometimes forgets his tie, And when with the girls he's very shy.

Eleanor Bak

Honor Student, Glee Club, Art and Craft Club, Tatler Staff Eleanor Bak is as pretty as can be, She'll make a grand nurse, just you wait and see.

Roland E. Bailey, "Boy"

Roland Bailey rides a bike; He and his brother are just alike.

David Beckman, Jr., "Becky"

Art and Craft Club

David Beckman, the boy with the curls, Is very popular with all the girls.

Lester Boggio, "Petie"

Baseball, Orchestra Who's that lad that's rather tall? Lester Boggio, a pal to all.

Virginia Lorraine Boland, "Ginger"

This girl from Springfield, so full of fun,
Our friendship she has easily won.

Warren Bomely, "Bomber"

Honor Student, Bird Club, Art-Craft Club, Photography Club

Questions! Questions! That's all he asks,
To keep quiet is one of his tasks.

Jennie Bonk

Bird Club, Honor Student Jennie is a quiet lass, She gets good marks in every class.

Sylvester Battone, "Sil"

Baseball, Basketball

Sylvester Battone has black curly hair, Which all the girls would like him to share.

Rose Bruno

Bird Club

Rose always corrects the Spelling Books, She's rather smart and has good looks.

Carmello Brutto

He's always quiet and shy in school, But when at play he likes to fool.

Elaine Carmel

Treasurer of Class of 1937, Tatler Staff, Art-Craft Club, High Honor

Elaine is pretty; Elaine is smart; In every class meeting Elaine takes part.

Angelina Josephine Caronna, "Angie"

In Math. our Angie moans and groans, because she cannot see, Why three and three make six, but won't make thirty-three.

Thomas D. Casarella

Thomas is witty and tells good jokes; He's the one who amuses folks.





Frances Castoldi

Glee Club

She comes on the bus from Enfield Street,
Always on time and always neat.

Marion Charette, "Mina"

Student Council, Basketball Marion is interested in aviation, Perhaps an air hostess will be her station.

Madeleine Christie, "Maddie"

Madeleine Christie always has a smile, We should try to copy her style.

Nellie Ciesones, "Nell"

Nellie Ciesones, they call her Nell, How nice she is we're here to tell.

William Comstock, "Bill"

Tatler Staff

Billy, with the dimples, a farmer will be.
With his willing ways a success he'll be.

Frank Cook, "Cookie"

Tatler Staff

Cookie is a husky lad, The largest and best that we have had.

Edith M. Cote, "Peanuts"

Bird Club

We all like that little tot, Who is always ready to talk a lot.

Edna Craig

Orchestra

A great musician she will be; How she can play in any key!

Alexander M. Cybulski, "Al"

Vice-President of Student Council, Chairman of Traffic Committee

An able leader, and one who stands high, In all activities in our Junior High.

Dorothy J. Damon, "Dot"

High Honor

Dorothy Damon, a clever and jolly lass, Always does her work first class.

George Danforth

Baseball

Who is that tall good looking blonde? Why it's George, of whom the girls are fond.

Elena DeCaro

Glee Club, Baseball

Elena DeCaro dreams most of the day, But on the Higgins team, how she can play!

Henry DeForge, "Fudgie"

Nicknames? Henry has quite a few, He's "Fudgie" to me and "Professor" to you.

Eleanor Dell Aquila

Eleanor, so nice and neat, Is sure to have her work complete.

Josephine Delore, "Joe"

Student Council

Josephine who is so polite, Always does what she thinks right.

Josephine DeMaso, "Jo"

Always talking with the boys, But never, never makes much noise.

Yolanda DeMayo, "Yo"

Yolanda who is always bright and gay, Doesn't very often have anything to say.

Gladys Dorothy Depka, "Blondie"

She busily works from day to day, She's pleasing in her quiet way.

Warren Devlin

Warren Deulin is always so funny, When he is around everything's sunny.

Helen Dubish

Helen Dubish is a friend so true, You'll never find her feeling blue.





Emilya Duda

Baseball. Basketball Emilya Duda is tall and true, She can play baseball and basketball, too.

Felix Duda

Felix is one of our talkative members, Some of his sayings we'll try to remember.

Anne Eagleson, "Blondie"

Baseball, Orchestra, Honor Student

This pretty girl we think worthwhile; Yes—it's Anne, with her pleasant smile.

Joseph James Fede, "Snapper"

Baseball

Joseph Fede, the barber, you know, Always works quickly and never is slow.

Joseph John Fiore, "Bushey"

Graduation will be sad for Joseph, we're afraid; Because he'll miss his little friend in the seventh grade.

Rose M. Gallo

This bright girl an authoress will be, If you've read her stories, you'll surely agree.

Leo George Gebo, "Gebo"

Leo Gebo so small and neat, Works quietly at his seat.

Cyril Gordon, "Cereal"

Pres. of Student Council first half, Chairman of Traffic Committee, Glee Club, Art-Craft Club, Tatler Staff, Honor Student

Experimenting in a chemistry lab, Will never find our Cyril sad.

Dorothy M. Gourlie

Orchestra, High Honor Dorothy Gourlie, quiet and neat, For smartness she cannot be beat.

Walter Grenbien, "Fat"

Basketball, Basecall Walter Grenbien, our well known friend, Much time in athletics he does spend.

Joseph Gudlewski, "G-Man"

He'll get along most anywhere with his unobtrusive way, And though he works quite hard he has never much to say,

Barbara Geurrandeno, "Babs"

Glee Club

If for Major Bowles, Barbara sang a song,
Were sure she would not get the gong.

Frederick Haight, "Fritz"

Tatler Staff, Art-Craft Club Being serious and getting a new ad, To reliable Fred it's just a fad.

Raymond Halsted, "Ray"

Arts and Crafts Club, Student Council, Class History, Tatler Distributor, Honor Student

To carve and whittle an air-o-plane, Is Raymond's joy in sun or rain.

Harold Hardiman, "Bud"

Harold is quiet and alert in school, And yet a boy you cannot fool.

Frank E. Horton, "Bozo"

Craft Club

Frank Horton, who is so witty and gay, Makes his friends laugh throughout the day.

James Iacolino, "Jim"

Jimmie Iacolino, so big and strong, Is always doing something wrong.

Charles Italiano, "Chick"

Glee Club

This boy whom we call "Chick" As a singer in the Glee Club was picked.

Roger Jones, "Bonzy"

With always a smile and a friendly face, He makes our school a happy place.

Anna Kamaros

Honor Student, Librarian Anna, the girl who carries the mail, Works in the library without fail.





Eleanor Karcz, "Karzy"

Eleanor is tall and slim, Her hobbies are to talk and swim.

Margaret E. King, "Kingie"

Student Council, Basketball, Baseball, Craft Club, Bird Club A clever artist, the girl so tall, On the basketball floor, she beats them all.

Nancy Knox

Arts and Crafts Club, Class Prophecy, Honor Student She speaks with assurance and dignity, Nancy is all a girl should be.

Fannie Korona, "Phyliss"

With her blond hair and blue eyes, she's pretty and sweet, And one so fine you seldom meet.

Joseph Kozaczka

Joseph likes to fool and clown, And it's hard for him to settle down.

Joseph Kozaczka, "Joe Bush"

Student Council

Joe Kozaczka likes to fish, To catch a whale is his great wish.

Jennie Amelia Krupczak

Jennie who is slim and tall, In her class work beats them all.

Jean LaGrange

Jean is chearful, bright and gay, Always dancing on her way.

Pauline Lamont, "Puggy"

President of Student Council last half, Art-Craft Club, Tatler Staff

Pauline Lamont with her little pug nose, Can stir up the crowd with her dancing

Samuel Lauria, "Sam"

Student Council, Basketball
Sam Lauria is his name,
To be so bashful is a shame.

Allan Lawton, "Farmer"

Chairman of Playground Committee

Now Allan thinks that horses are fine, And hopes he's able to raise them sometime.

Marion Leete, "Leete"

Baseball, Basketball

Marion plays on our ball teams. When she makes a score—how she beams.

Eva Leether

Eva is quiet and shy, And in school she surely does try.

Frances C. Legienza

Librarian

She is a girl with a lot of pep, In the library watch her step!

Bernice LeGeyt, "Bernie"

Orchestra

Bernice is a quiet lass Who never causes a disturbance in class.

Gladys Leonawicz

Gladys is a maiden fair, All her work she does with care.

Gerardo Lepore, "Jerry"

Tatler Staff, Highest Honor, Valedictorian

To be at the head of things is Jerry's aim; His scholastic ranks will bring him fame.

Fredrick Lizak, "Gus"

Basketball

For studying Fredrick doesn't care, But in athletics he's always there.

Bertha Ludwin, "Bertie"

Orchestra, Baseball, Basketball Beside Bertha's name let's put a star, In music and athletics she surpasses by far.

Wanda Ludwin

Class Prophecy, Honor Student She's willing and pretty and a musical shark, A bar's or guitar she can play in the

dark.





Edward Lynch

Edward Lynch likes to play The game of "crosses," everyday.

Barbara Magill

Secretary of Student Council second half, Basketball, Orchestra, Tatler Staff, High Honor Student

Her sparkling eyes and wavy brown hair Sends personality through the air.

Frank Maggio, "Banjo"

Frank is interested in aviation, Soon he'll be flying for our nation.

George Malides

"Five cents a bag!" Who's that yelling? That's our George, his popcorn selling.

Florence Maniscalchi, "Flo"

Memories of "Flo" will always linger, Because she is a lovely singer.

William Maniscalchi, "Billy"

Billy, the store manager is here, With his pencil behind his ear.

Sophie Markowski, "Blonde"

Glee Club

This lady in Higgins Junior High In all her classes is remarkably shy.

Mary Melfa

Art-Craft Club, Tatler Staff Mary Melfa, pretty and neat, Is a very charming person to meet.

George Merrill, "Fat"

Art-Craft Club, Student Council
To you, George Merrill, may seem
small,
But in history class he's ahead of
them all.

Noreen H. Miltner

Bird Club

This pretty girl is very smart, Whenever she's called on she knows her part.

Alfonse Misuraca, "Fofi"

Basketball Manager, Glee Club, Tatler Staff

Alfonse is the joker and wit of the school,
When he starts he sees things through.

Vincy Misuraca, "Vinnie"

Student Council

Life is hard on Vincy, at least it seems to be, From morn to night you'll hear her say, "The boys are teasing me."

Edward Morris, "Ebo"

Baseball, Basketball Edward Morris is indeed a star, In athletics he'll travel far.

Curtis Daniel Most

Photography Club
Curtis collects stamps you see,
But photography is his specialty.

Edward Mokrycki

Chairman of Playground Committee

To do his duty is Edward's delight, And what he does is done just right.

Barbara McCullough, "Mike"

Craft Club, Orchestra

A girl who plays the piano is she, Some day she may accompany Jack Benny as he plays "The Bee."

Irene McNulty

Baseball, Basketball, Student Council

Irene plays baseball very well, But in basketball, she does excel.

Edward Nabonzy, "Chuch"

Baseball, Basketball

Edward never worries much, Even if his fooling gets him "In Dutch."

Agnes Nigro

Glee Club, Baseball Agnes with her sweet alto voice, In singing is always our first choice.

Jane Novak, "Novie"

Photography Club, Honor Student

Jane Novak so jolly and gay, Is on the go every day.





Bolek Olechny

Basketball

Bolek is not so very tall, But you ought to see him play basket-ball.

Ida E. Orefice, "Popeye"

You never wear a frown, Whenever Ida is aroun'.

Matthew Pabis, "Parbe"

Student Council

Who's that walking down the street? That's Matthew whistling so sweet.

Nicholas Padrevita, "Nicky Pat"

Camera Club

This jolly boy, who is so stout, Smart remarks he brings right out.

Mary Ann Parvelac, "Pep"

A jolly girl in her sweet shy way, She often has giggles throughout the day.

David Persky, "Jake"

Student Council

The president of Grade 8C Is no other than David Persky.

Raymond Petraska

Always industrious and courteous, too, A good example for all of you.

Helen N. Pierog

Student Council, Craft Club, Glee Club

This blonde haired girl, so neat and demure, Sings, writes, and draws well, we are sure.

Stephen Pierz, "Steamboat"

Basketball, Tatler Staff Another member of our Tatler crew, Without him we'd know not what to do.

Genevieve Pietrusza, "Jean"

Art-Craft Club, Tatler Staff She's tall and clever and very bright, To do things right is her delight,

Theodore Pliska, "Teddy"

If "Teddy" could be serious just for a

day, He could carry some very good knowledge away.

Frances Pohorylo

Baseball

Frances is very seldom still, In athletics she proves her skill.

Lydia M. Polec

Orchestra

Lydia, with her banjo strumming, Keeps all her friends cheerfully hum-ming.

Agnes Porcello, "Aggie"

Agnes whom we know so well In her spelling does excel.

Mary Theresa Porcello, "May"

Camera Club

Tongue ever going, spirits ever gay, That's our Mary who has so much to say.

Marien Purdy

Baseball, Basketball. Student Council

Marion has pep galore, And in baseball usually makes a score.

Annie Puzzo, "Ann"

Annie Puzzo is nice and neat, You'll find her smile always sweet.

Harold Phelps Reed

Student Council, Photography Club, Tatler Staff

His stamp collection is something to see, And he's a good class officer, we all agree.

Margaret Jane Renals, "Cupid"

A little girl so sweet and shy, The boys always seem to catch her eye.

Rose B. Reveruzzi, "River"

Who's the miss who winks her eye? It's Rose, who is so cute and shy.





Edith F. Ridley

Edith Ridley, so sweet and gay, Is good in English, so they say.

Mary Rinaldi, "Bright Eyes"

As a friend, she'll always be true, For Mary Rinaldi is never blue.

Josephine Anna Roblinski, "Ruby"

Josephine will never shirk, But always tries to do her work.

Teresa M. Roscoe, "Tre"

Baseball

Teresa is popular and gay, As a friend she's "tops," we'll say.

Lena Rossi, "Spinny"

Lena Rossi likes to dance Every time she gets a chance.

Frank Russotto, "Ace"

He's quiet and neat and does his work, Frank Russotto will never shirk.

Anna Sacheli

Art-Craft Club, Class Prophecy, Honor Student

From morn till night she works with ease,
Always dependable and willing to please.

John Salamone

John Salamone is short and shy, Plays the violin and makes the notes fly.

Catherine H. Santaniella

She is a girl so thoughtful and true, And often wears dresses the color of blue.

Geno Santandrea

President of Class of 1937, Baseball, Glee Club, Photography Club, Tatler Staff, Honor Student

8A's brilliant boy we see, A sport, gets honors, a leader—yes, all three.

Alfred Sarno, "Al"

Baseball, Basketball
Alfred likes to deliver bread,
It saves the people from starving—he said,

Nicholas John Scavotto, "Tempty"

Nicholas Scavotto is never sad, His big smile makes everyone glad.

Andrew Siano, "Andy"

Andrew Siano is small in size, But oh! how wise!

John Vincent Siemienko, "Johnny"

John comes to school each day by bus, He's the little boy who makes no fuss.

John Joseph Skomro

John Skomro is full of joy, When he has his gun, Oh Boy!

Francis Slapski, "Frank"

Student Council, Orchestra Frank Slapski who is so very short, And yet a lad of the merriest sort.

Betty Snow, "Snowy"

Glee Club

A girl whose many pleasing graces, In all our hearts took the best places.

Joseph Sredzienski, "Joey"

Basketball

He seldom gets excited and he seldom gets a grouch,
But when it comes to doing things our Joseph is no slouch.

Benny Swentnickas

Benny is a quiet lad, So his conduct mark is never bad.

Stella Swist

Honor Student
She's kind, she's gentle and yet she's gay,
A very fine girl in every way.





Haskell Eugene Snyder, "Happy"

Now Haskell, do what you will, You can't make him sit still.

Kathleen Thompson, "Jackie"

Photography Club

Kathleen is cute and classy with pretty red hair, And really she puts on an attractive air.

Vito Tollarito, "Curley"

Manager Baseball, Basketball Vito likes the boxing game, In this sport he may win fame.

Angelo Torre

Angelo is a sheik and can he talk, Some day into detention he will walk.

Marcello Trigona, "Mike"

Baseball

A young athletic romancier, Who from New York did come here.

Sophie Typrowicz, "Tipper"

Bird Club, Glee Club, Tatler Staff, Honor Student

Sophie is quite bashful and a wee bit shy,
But never you mind—she'll always get by.

Isabel Helen Viniconis, "Isie"

Isabel wears such pretty frocks, And the boys tease her about her curly locks.

Edwin Wadsworth, "Wady"

Tatler Staff

Edwin enjoys his work in art, And in other studies he does his part.

Annie Wietecha

High Honor, Salutatorian To do her justice we'd need more space, But Annie can win in any race,

John Wilby, "Wibly"

Student Council

In studies John stands out in front, For a worthier boy we needn't hunt.

Elizabeth T. Wishart, "Betty"

Student Council, Craft Club

Whenever our school puts on shows, Betty's right there with her tinkling toes.

Iris Yaenicke, "Irish"

Iris is happy-go-lucky and gay, She loves to talk throughout the day.

Edward Young, "Youngy"

Edward Young may be small, But he's a riot in the hall.

Josephine Yuskis, "Joe"

Bird Club, Photography Club

Josephine is quite tall And for boys she sure does fall.

Frances Theresa Zaccaro

Student Council

Our Frances upon whom you can rely Is quiet, industrious, and exceedingly shy.

Jane L. Zator

Jane is pretty, Jane is sweet, Jane is very nice and neat.

Edward A. Ziemian, "Ed"

Although this lad is small in size, He is witty, quick, and wise.

Joseph Zirolli, "Zero"

Joseph does his work fairly well, He may be a forest guide, who can tell?

Agnes G. Zito, "Red"

Basketball, Baseball, Glee Club

Agnes Zito likes to sing, Her acts go over with a "bing!"

Jane Zych

Jane is nice and pleasant, too, We're glad to have her in 8B2.





BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

(Front, left to right) Fisher, Coach; Edward Morris, Alfred Sarno, Mario Palmieri, Capt.; Joseph Sredzienski, Salvatore Locario, Alphonse Misuraca, Mgr.; Los, Asst. Coach.
(Back) Vito Tallarito, Walter Grenbien, Sylvester Bottone, Bolek Olechny, Edward

Nabonzy.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

(Front, left to right) Marion Charette, Janice Landers, Norma Allen (capt.) Marion Purdy, Marion Leete.
(Back, left to right) Miss Angelica (coach), Emilia Duda, Irene McNulty, Margaret King, Bertha Ludwin, Agnes Zito.



A. D. HIGGINS GLEE CLUB

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STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

-Photo by Brown

(Left to right) Barbara Magill, Secretary; Pauline Lamont, President; Alexander Cybulski, Vice-President.

"Try Again"

VALEDICTORY ESSAY

We graduates have chosen for our Class Motto "Try Again," because we realize how many great men have reached the height of their ambition by persevering and trying again. This motto should help us also to be success-

ful in whatever we do.

In school we have seen that the pupils who get along well often have to try many times before they succeed. Of course we know from experience that one does not always do well in the first and maybe the second attempts, but if one keeps on trying hard enough he will finally accomplish what he aims to do. Why is it that some people are more successful than others? It is because they keep trying in spite of difficulties and discouragements, while others try once and give up. We all know that Babe Ruth did not hit many home runs when he first began to play baseball. The reason he became a great baseball player was because he kept on trying again and

again to improve his record.

What would our country be like if
Washington had given up just because
he had been defeated a few times by the British during the Revolutionary War? How could we communicate by cable with people in Europe if Cyrus Field had de-spaired of laying the Atlantic Cable just because it broke several times? How would we have airplanes today if the Wright Brothers had given up building them because their first airplane failed to fly? Regardless of difficulties and failures these men tried again and again until they succeeded. The two words to success surely are "Try Again." The old proverb, "If at first you don't

succeed try, try again, is familiar to everyone. We respect people who keep on trying, and the greater difficulties and discouragements they overcome, the more we admire them for their perseverance. People who give up too easily are called "quitters." They lack confidence and

courage.

This spirit of "trying again" is emphasized in a poem by Phoebe Cary, called "Don't Give Up."

"If you've tried and have not won, Never stop for crying; All that's great and good is done Just by patient trying.

Though young birds in flying, fall, Still their wings grow stronger; And the next time they can keep Up a little longer.

Though the sturdy oak has known Many a blast that bowed her, She has risen again and grown Loftier and prouder.

If by easy work you beat, Who the more will prize you? Gaining victory from defeat,
That's the test that tries you!"

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., who died recently at the age of ninety-seven, was a good example of a person who put into practice our motto "Try Again." Starting work at the age of sixteen, with nothing, his initial job paid him fifty dollars for the first three months' work. By the time he had reached middle age he thad amassed what many persons believed to be the largest fortune ever controlled by a private individual in the history of the world. He spent the first half of his life making money and the last half in

giving it away.
"I believe it is a duty," he said many times, "for a man to get all the money he honestly can and to give away all he

He was a great benefactor of mankind throughout the world, having given a half billion dollars to universities, churches, benevolent corporations, and many other charitable institutions. John D. Rockefeller, Sr. used to say that the world is full of opportunities for men who have the determination to keep on looking for them. He gave some good practical advice to young men, when he said, "My advice to a young man is to go straight and to do the best you can to make a success for yourself and keep happy those who depend upon you. If you make a mistake remember, it is human to err, but try again and try harder. Above all be honest with yourself and with those with whom you deal."

Thus we see that John D. Rockefeller, Sr. affords a striking illustration of what energy and determination, and trying

again will accomplish.

Classmates, we must now leave the Higgins School where we have spent two happy years. This change from Junior High to Senior High is a new step formed in control of the senior High is a new step. ward in our lives, an adventure which we are eagerly anticipating. Before our days at the Higgins School are completely ended, however, we should like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the many privileges we have so far enjoyed. We shall always have pleasant memories of the Higgins School, our associations with the principal and teachers, our classroom experi-

Class Will

Dear Friends-You have been called together here to witness a solemn ceremony,-the reading of the last will and testament of the Class of 1937 of the Alvin D. Higgins Junior High School of Thompsonville, Connecticut. As a representative of the law firm of Bonk and Kamaros, I shall now proceed to read to you that document.

We, the Class of 1937, being in full possession of our well known and unusual senses, and feeling sure that we are soon to come to the end of our happy existence in the A. D. Higgins School, desire to dispose of such worthwhile things as we possess before the time of

our departure arrives.

First of all, to the Class of 1938 we wish to give our excellent record for good behavior. We know that they will never be able to live up to it, but may they do their best.

In this extraordinary Class of 1937 there are some who have certain possessions which we feel may be of use to the eighth graders of next year. Showing our great generosity we make the following bequests:

1. Warren Bomely leaves his everpresent camera to Roland Lambert.

2. George Danforth leaves his popularity with the girls to William Desso.

3. Barbara Magill and Nancy Knox

leave their giggles to Marie Gatto and Florence Franciamore.
4. Frank Russotto leaves his ability

as a barber to Clifford Riley.

5. Edith Cote and Iris Yaenicke leave their chattering to Eleanor Colby and Janet Frew.
6. Betty Wishart leaves her dancing

toes to her sister, Josephine.

7. Curtis Most leaves his picture developing to Charles Stewart.

8. Joseph Kozacka leaves his joke cracking to Stanley Ragion.

- 9. Marcello Trigona leaves his athletic ability to Joseph Scavotto.
- 10. Felix Duda leaves his ability to ask questions to Marvin Neiman.11. Barbara Guerrandeno leaves her

voice to Charles Cremona.

ences, operettas and minstrel shows, athletics, and student council. From these activities we have learned much that will help us toward successful liv-ing. We must now say farewell to the Higgins School and our last words are ones of grateful thanks for all that it has meant to the Class of 1937.

Jerry Lepore.

12. Tony Sevarino leaves his fondness for skipping the 5 o'clock room to anybody in next year's class who has to go as often as Tony should. 13. To Helen Zekowski, we leave Rose

Gallo's history ability.

14. Vito Tollarito leaves his job as baseball manager to Martin O'Brien.

15. Helen Pierog leaves her ability in printing to Joseph Basile.

16. Jerry Lepore leaves his knowledge to Maria Palvicia.

edge to Mario Palmieri. 17. Edward Young leaves his person-

ality to Edward Hoersch. 18. To Frank Zawada, we leave Frank Horton's silly questions which he asks Miss Woods.

19. Margaret Renals leaves her shy-

ness to Carol Beeman.

20. Nicholas Padrevita leaves his reducing tablets to Tony Calcasola.

21. Betty Snow leaves her curls to

Claire Carmel.

22. Norma Allen leaves her tomboy ways to Janice Landers.

23. Eleanor Bak leaves her dramatic ability to Jackie Dineen.

To Emil Jasiminski, Frank Cook leaves his ambition and love of work.

25. Alphonse Misuraca leaves his good humor and his wise cracks to Norman Richards.

26. Agnes Zito leaves her liking for the boys to Helen Wrona.

27. Thomas Casarella leaves his continuous question "May I get a drink" to Bertha Barscz. 28. To Helen Krajewski, Margaret

King leaves her paints and brushes.

29. Sam Lauria leaves his bashfulness to Ignario Rinaldi.

30. Gladys Depka leaves her blonde hair to Loris Fitzgerald.

31. The librarians leave their duties to the seventh grade girls chosen by Miss White.

32. Lena Rossi leaves her ability as

an end man to Mary Mancini.

33. Mary Parvelac leaves her fondness for gum chewing to her sister, Eleanor. 34. To Shirley Harrison, Rose Bruno

leaves her dimpled smile.

35. Frances Castoldi and Sophie Markowski leave their dishwashing ability to the next year's girls who will help Miss Ryan.

Raymond Halstead leaves his air-36.

planes to Hurlburt Frew.

37. Sylvester Bottone leaves his curly hair to Benny Porcello. 38. Geno Santandrea and Walter Grenbien leave their catchers' mitts to Sam Scalia.

Teddy Plizcka leaves his grin to

Alfred Swentuickas.
40. Cyril Gordon leaves his job as Editor-in-Chief of the Tatler to one of next year's pupils.

41. Frank Slapski leaves his shortness to Mary Michelis.

42. Sophie Agrapides leaves her literary ability to Rhodina Sisitsky.

43. John Wilby leaves his red hair

and freckles to Sylvester Mangini.
44. To Vincent Vella, Ma Christie leaves her wavy hair.

The Class of 1937 leaves to the classes of the future the tree which was presented by the Daughters of the American

Revolution and which was planted in memory of Mr. King.

As the time draws near for our departure from the A. D. Higgins School, we wish to leave our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our superintendent, Mr. Parkman, our principal, Mr. Davis, and

to all our teachers for the education we have received and for the many kind-

nesses they have showed us.

Now that our final bequests have been made we wish to appoint our principal, Mr. Davis, executor of this document, and we make of him a last request that he see to it that fitting and honorable services accompany our departure from this school world.

We hereby declare this to be our last

will and testament.

In witness whereof we, the Class of 1937 set our hand and seal this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirtyseven.

Signed: Class of 1937. Martha Graham, Esther Smyth, Lena Angelica, Witnesses.

Attorneys: Jennie Bonk, Anna Kamaros.

Athletics

Boys

The boys' athletic program has consisted this year of a baseball and basketball league, comprised of ten teams from the following towns: Broad Brook, Hazardville, Suffield, Poquonock, Somersville, County Home and Brainard and Higgins schools from Thompsonville.

In the basketball league, Broad Brook carried off the cup. This year the boys were coached by Ray Fisher, who started with a green group but won five of his league games, thus closing a good season.

The baseball team has been coached by Francis Malley, who is attending Cathedral High in Springfield. So far the team is tied for the top honors with Somersville, each team having lost one out of five games.

The following games have been played: Higgins at Somersville

Higgins 2, Somersville 7

Somersville at Higgins

Higgins 10, Somersville 6

Hazardville at Higgins Higgins 13, Hazardville 12

Brainard at Higgins
Higgins 16, Brainard 2

Higgins at Brainard Higgins 13, Brainard 0

The following players have made the team and have been doing good work in all the games.

Catchers: Grenbien and Santandrea Pitchers: Bottone and Scavotto 1st Base: Marcello Trigona

2nd Base: Locario

S. S.: Nabonzy and Morris 3rd Base: Danforth and Morris Boggio, Scalia, Scavotto, Fielders:

Bottone, Fede, Grenbien Manager: Vito Tallarita

GIRLS

After a rather late start on the basketball court, our girls' team was made up of all new players, with the exception of Norma Allen and Amelia Duda.

Out of the five games played the girls emerged the victors three times. Marion Purdy, a newcomer on the team, was the high scorer of the season.

Our girls also had a baseball team this year. Although they didn't emerge the victors very often they showed marked improvement as the season progressed.

There are still four games to be played, at the time of this writing, and we hope to come out on the winning side.

Prizes

The members of the graduating class of 1937 are eligible for several prizes, generously given by individuals and or-

ganizations.

In memory of the Alvin D. Higgins, two prizes will be given to students attaining the highest rank in scholarship. One prize of ten dollars given to the highest and five to the student ranking next. The highest honor pupil will have his name engraved on the scholarship plaque which hangs in the lower corridor of the school. This student will also receive a scholarship key.

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Two prizes of five dollars each given by the Woman's Club of Enfield to the students ranking highest in Mathematics

and English.

A citizenship medal, appropriately engraved will be presented to the boy and girl who best exemplify the characteristics of a good citizen. These medals are given through the generosity of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

On behalf of the school, Mr. Davis will present two and one-half dollars to the pupil who has shown the most improvement. To the one who is selected as the best citizen of the school goes a bronze key in addition to two and one-half dollars in money.

To the outstanding athlete is presented a medal.

Class Statistics

Prettiest Girl	Barbara Magill
Handsomest Boy	George Danforth
Vainest Girl	
Vainest Boy	
Most Popular Girl	
Most Popular Boy	
Smartest Girl	Annie Wietecha
Smartest Boy	Jerry Lepore
Quietest Girl	
Quietest Boy	
Most Talkative Girl	Iris Yaenicke
Most Talkative Boy	
Jo	seph Kozaczka, 8B1
Class Artist	
Class Poet	Dorothy Damon
Class Athlete	
Class Pet	
Class Sheik	Angelo Torre
Wittiest Girl	Nancy Knox
Wittiest Boy	Alfonso Misuraca

Radio Review

Voice of ExperienceMarcelle Trigion Betty CrockerAnn Eagleson Walter WinchellGeno Santandrea
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Fred HoyEdward Morris
Lily Pons Eleanor Bak
Gracie AllenKathleen Thompson
RubinoffFrank Slapski
Mary LivingstonNancy Knox
Lum and Abner
Billy Comstock and Fred Haight
Tune Twisters
Wanda and Bertha Ludwin
Dari DanSylvester Buttone
Lowell ThomasJerry Lepore
Bob BurnsAlfonse Misuraca
Uncle EzraDavid Beckman
Junior G-Men
Stephen Pierz, Vito Talarito
Jimmy AllenAlexander Cybulski



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